



# The Hickory Stick

1955





my Homeroom

Jean Simmons  
Grade 8  
1955





Jean,  
I hope you  
will continue to be  
a good student. You stand  
out in ability and personality.  
Keep up the good work.  
Best wishes  
William Taylor

Hi Jean!

Don't get married and  
forget to come back to  
school next fall. I have  
enjoyed teaching you this  
spring. Good luck and  
success through the coming  
years.

Van Carlton Huggins

Jean  
Don't break the  
"keyes." Charles

The Best of Luck  
to a nice girl.

Clyde Cannon

May you have much  
happiness and success  
in all that you attempt  
to do. Mrs. W. H. Huggins

To a fine friend's a  
diamond is not all  
the luck in the world.  
Laurel



Jean,

I wish you all the luck and happiness  
in the world. (and also to that unknown  
boyfriend!)

Kay

Jean,

Here's to a fine friend and a girl  
that'll really go places. I hope you  
keep up your music, remember you a  
girl with a head of knowledge and a  
load of possibilities.

as always,

Betty

Jean,

It has been great having you to sit in  
front of me this year. Good luck to a very  
sweet and cute girl.

Love you,

Judy Culligan

Jean,

It has been nice having you as a  
classmate. Good luck to a sweet  
girl.

Love ya,

Patricia




A wish for the very  
best in life.

Mr. Nicholson

I've enjoyed being in  
school this year with you -  
I think you're a very nice  
and cute girl - Keep up  
the good work and you'll  
go far in this game of life -

Love ya,

Aurwood  


I hope you  
have a very successful  
year in High School  
Monby Bedenbaugh

Jean

I have enjoyed going  
to school with you in  
such a short time.  
I hope you have the best  
of wishes and Good  
luck to a sweet  
girl.

Virginia



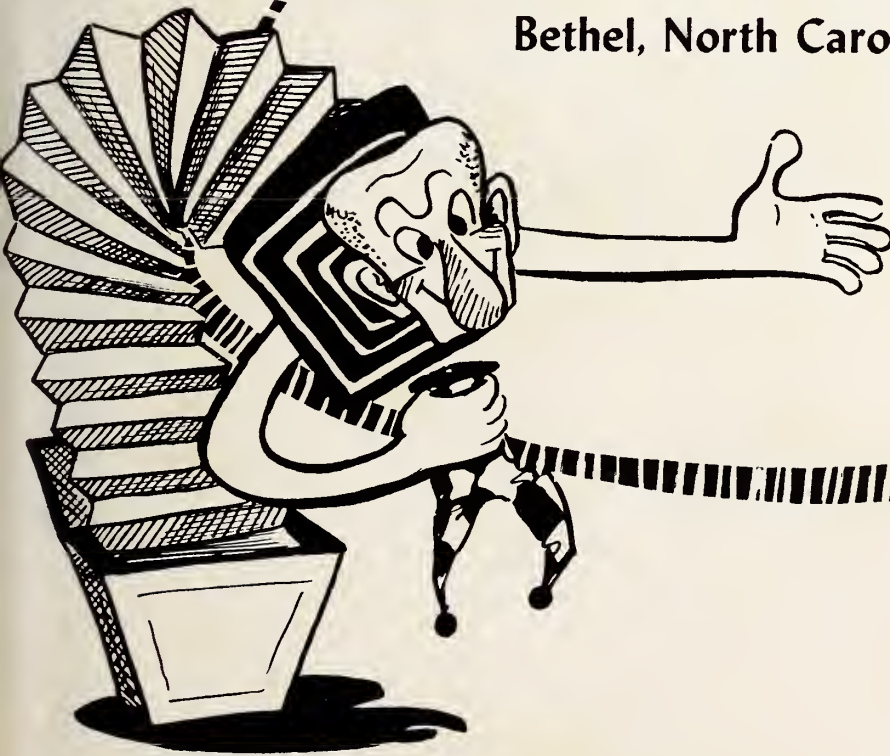
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# DEDICATION

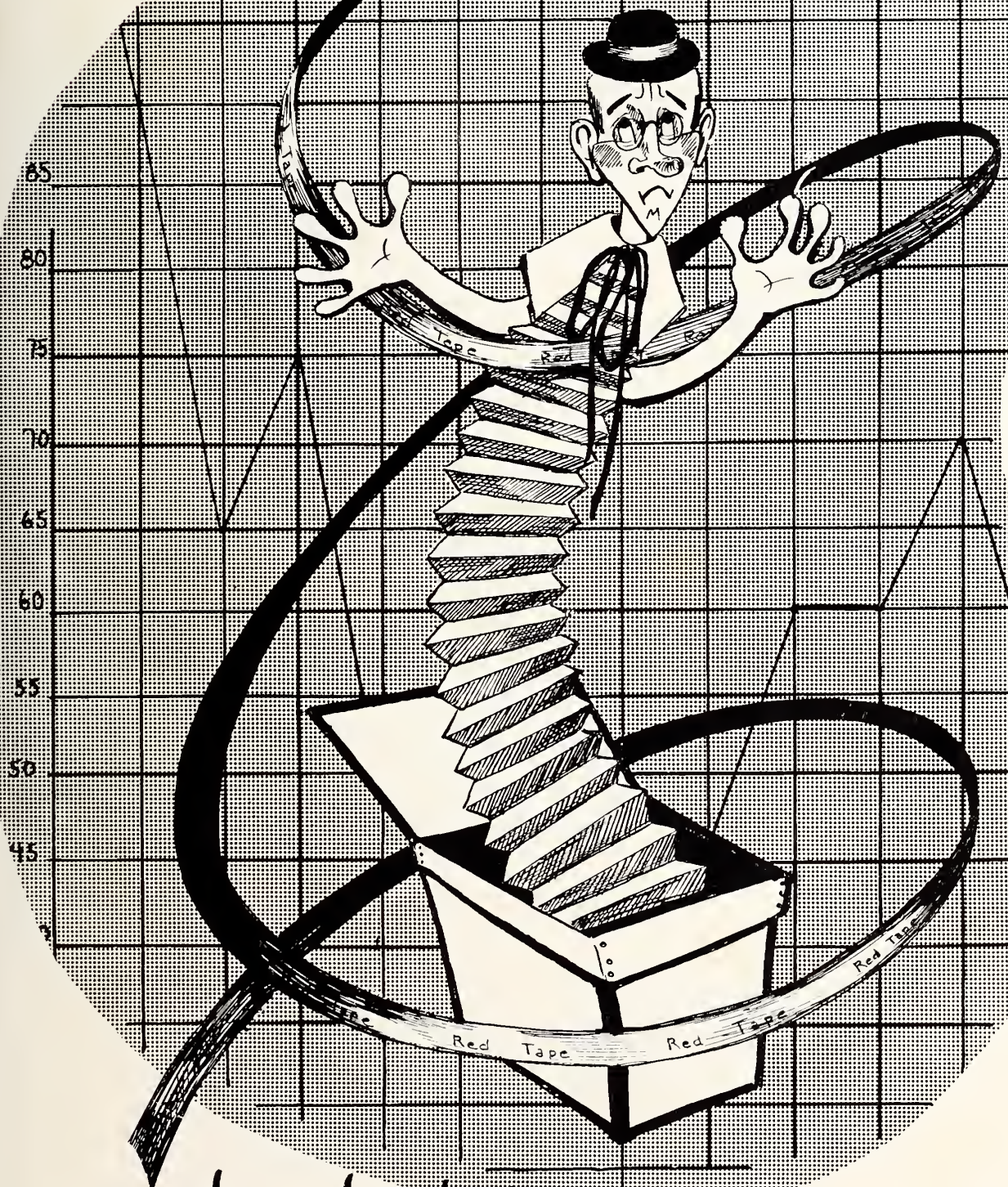


We, the Seniors of 1955, proudly dedicate this annual to our parents, who have made it possible for us to receive a high school education. Without their constant care and guidance, we realize that it would not have been possible for us to reach this first landing in our education. We wish to leave this annual as a small memorial to show our sincere appreciation for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf.





Real Budget



administration





# HIGH SCHOOL

# FACULTY



W. C. Latham  
Principal



Mrs. Daisy Lee Latham  
Social Studies  
*Best of lucks!*  
*Mrs. Latham*



*Mrs. Highsmith*  
Mrs. Jane M. Highsmith  
Eighth Grade - French



Miss Janice Albritton  
English

*Best Wishes!*  
*Miss Albritton*

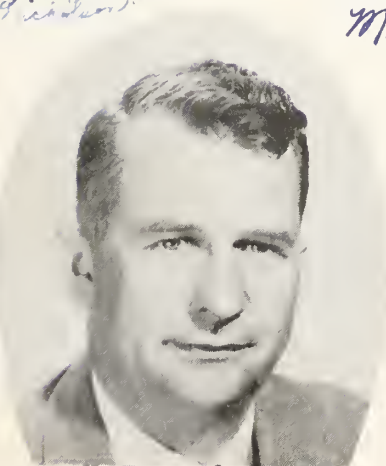


Mr. James D. Nicholson  
Science

*Best of everything!*  
*Mr. Nicholson*



Mrs. Thadys Dewar  
School Secretary  
Business Education



Mr. S. D. Dewar  
Agriculture



Mrs. Lucille Mayo  
Home Economics



# GRAMMAR GRADE FACULTY

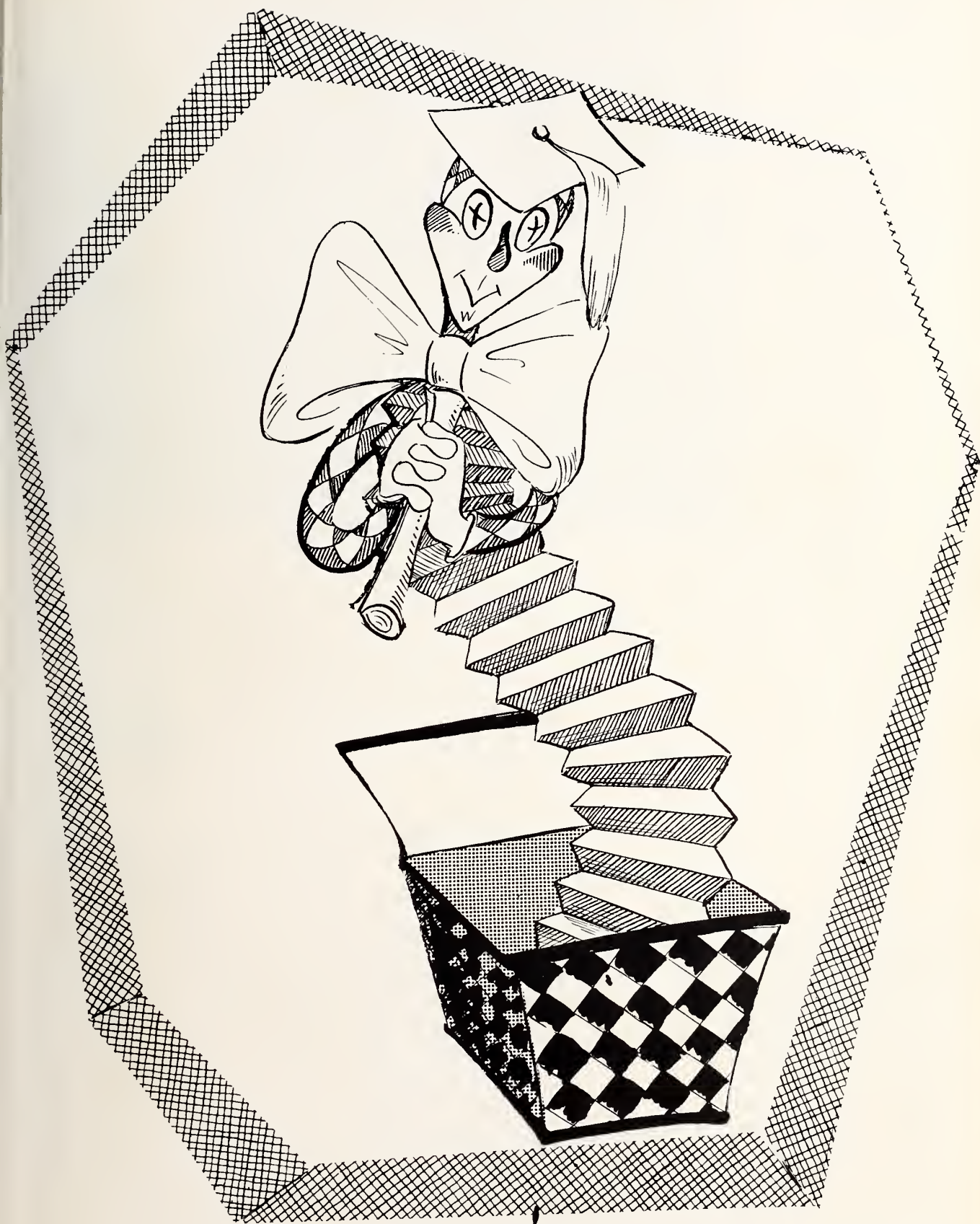


Left to right: Mr. W. C. Berry, Elementary Principal and Seventh Grade; Mrs. Alvah Jackson, Sixth Grade; Miss Frances Warren, Fifth Grade; Miss Marian Burton, First Grade; Mrs. Ruth Thomas, Third Grade; Mrs. Elsie Nicholson, First Grade; Mrs. Joan Hackett, Second Grade; Mrs. Irene Brock, Fourth Grade.

## SCHOOL BOARD



Left to right: Mr. W. C. Latham; Mr. Linwood Briley; Rev. D. W. Alexander; Mr. C. W. Everett, Chairman; Dr. C. G. Garrenton, Secretary; Mr. W. T. Ward.



seniors





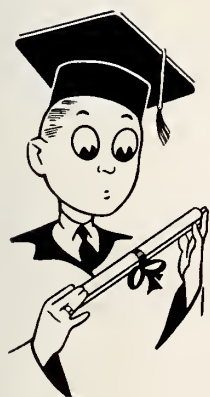
# SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President  
Lawrence Cobb

Secretary  
Shirley Jean Whitehurst

Vice President  
Shirley Wilson

Treasurer  
Barbara Whichard



## MASCOTS



Hilton Carson



Theresa Manning





**BOBBY WHITEHURST**  
F.B.L.A. 4; Exchange Ed.; F.F.  
A. 1,2,3; Most Popular.



**BECKY KEEL**  
F.H.A. 3,4, Song Leader 2; Glee  
Club 1,2,3,4; Science Club 3,4,  
Vice President 4; Paper Staff 4,  
Sports Editor 4; Beta Club 3,4;  
Cheerleader 1,3; 4-H Club 1;  
F.B.L.A. 4; Most Courteous.



**ANN RIDDICK**  
Basketball 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3;  
F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper Staff 3,4,  
Business Manager 4; Glee Club  
1; Typing Contest 3; Most Ath-  
letic.

**LEE KNOX**  
4-H Club 1,2; F.B.L.A. 3,4;  
F.H.A. 1,2; Glee Club 1,2.



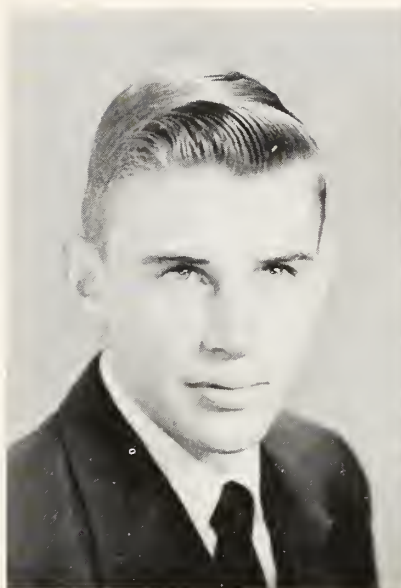
**JAMES GURGANUS**  
F.F.A. 1,2; F.B.L.A. 3.

**MARY FRANCES WHITEHURST**  
Basketball 1,2,3,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4;  
Paper Staff 3,4, Editor-in-Chief  
4; F.H.A. 3,4, Secretary 4; Class  
Treasurer 3; Beta Club 2,3,4;  
Annual Staff 4, Editor-in-Chief;  
Marshal 3; Snak Tunnel 3,4;  
Most Dependable.



**LAWRENCE COBB**

Class President 4; F.F.A. 1,2;  
F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper Staff 4,  
Business Manager; Literary  
Club 3; Science Club 4; Baseball  
3,4; Annual Staff 4, Art Editor;  
Most Talented.



**JANICE HUX**

4-H Club 1; Glee Club 1; F.B.  
L.A. 3,4; F.H.A. 1; Paper Staff  
3,4, Reporter 3, Circulation  
Manager 4; Assistant Librarian  
3,4; Science Club 3; Class Poet;  
Most Praiseworthy.

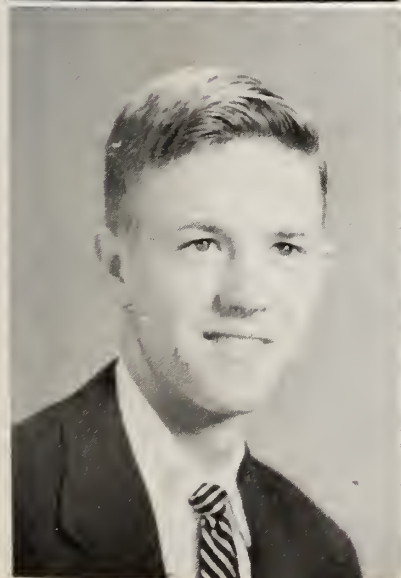
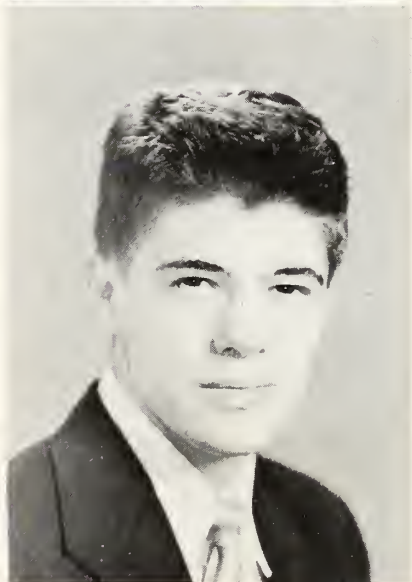


**SHIRLEY ANNE HARDY**

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Beta Club 2,3,4;  
4-H Club 1; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper  
Staff 3,4, Copy Editor 3; Class  
Editor 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4;  
Basketball 1,3,4; Science Club  
3,4, Secretary 4; Chief Marshal  
3; Most Likely to Succeed.

**HERBERT BRILEY**

F.F.A. 1,2; Baseball 2,3; F.B.  
L.A. 3,4; Basketball 1; Most  
Handsome.



**MARSHALL TETTERTON**

Science Club 3,4, President 4;  
Class President 1,3; F.B.L.A.  
4; Paper Staff 4, Copy Editor 4;  
F.F.A. 1,2, Treasurer 2; Bas-  
ketball 1,2,3; Best Dressed,  
Most Likely to Succeed.

**ANNA WHITE**

Basketball 1,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4;  
Paper Staff 4, Social Editor;  
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Parliamentarian;  
Annual Staff 4, Clubs Editor;  
Maid of Honor of May Court 3;  
Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Most  
Popular.





**DAN ANDERSON**

Basketball 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3;  
F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper Staff 3,4;  
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4,  
Sports Editor; Most Athletic.



**MARY WHITLEY**

F.H.A. 2,3; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Room  
Representative 3; Science Club  
4; Glee Club 1.



**PATRICIA WHITEHURST**

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Song Leader 3;  
F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper Staff 4,  
Grammar School Editor; 4-H  
Club 1; Basketball 3; Beta Club  
4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Literary  
Club 3; Cheerleader 1,2; Class  
Prophecy; Best Sport.

**JAMES DAVENPORT**

F.F.A. 1,2; Baseball 3; F.B.L.A.  
3,4; Most Courteous.

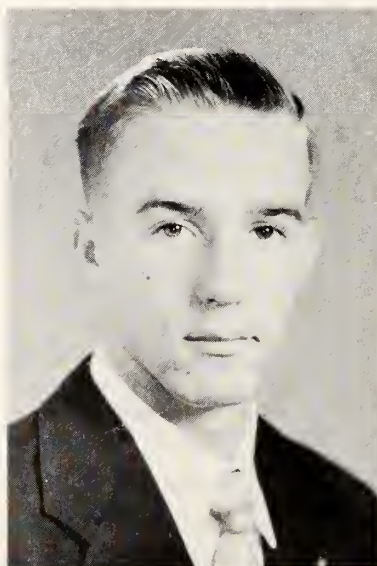


**CARLTON KEEL**

Basketball 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3;  
F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper Staff 3,4;  
Best Sport.

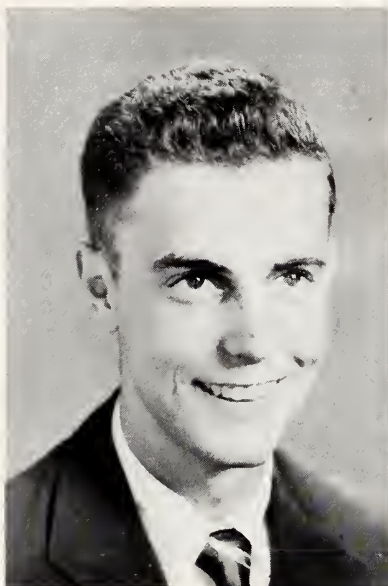
**SHIRLEY WILSON**

4-H Club 1; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper  
Staff 3,4, Reporter 3, Literary  
Editor 4; Glee Club 3; Beta Club  
4, Vice President; Senior Class  
Marshal 3; Prettiest.



**DAVID WEATHERSBY**

F.B.L.A. 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3;  
Baseball 2; Bus Driver 4; Room  
Representative 3; Most Studious.



**BARBARA WHICHARD**

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 2,  
Vice President 3, President 4;  
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Assistant Li-  
brarian 2; Beta Club 2,3,4;  
Forensic Club 2; F.B.L.A. 3,4,  
Vice President 3, President 4;  
Snak Tunnel 1,2,3,4; Marshal 3;  
Annual Staff 4, Assistant Editor;  
Most Studious.

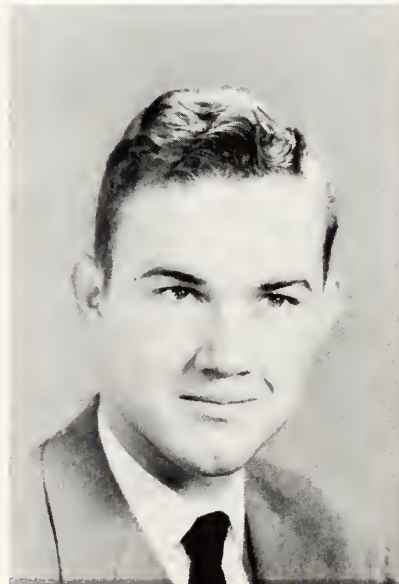


**MARY ANNE MANNING**

Beta Club 3; 4-H Club 1; Science  
Club 4; Cheerleader 1,2; Glee  
Club 1,2,3,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; For-  
ensic Club 2,3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4;  
Assistant Librarian 2; Best  
Dressed.

**BILLY STATON**

F.F.A. 1,2; Typing Contest 3;  
Science Club 3,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4;  
4-H Club 1,2.



**SHERWOOD WHITE**

Basketball 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2;  
F.B.L.A. 3.



**MARY JO WYNNE**

Forensic and Literary Club 2,3,  
President 3; F.H.A. 1,2; Beta  
Club 2,3,4, Vice President 3,  
President 4; Marshal 3; F.B.L.A.  
3,4, Reporter 4; Paper Staff,  
Clubs Editor 3; Typing Contest  
3; Student Council 4; Glee Club  
1,2,3; Cheerleader 1,2; Annual  
Staff, Business Manager; Vice  
President of Freshman Class;  
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class His-  
torian, Most Talented.



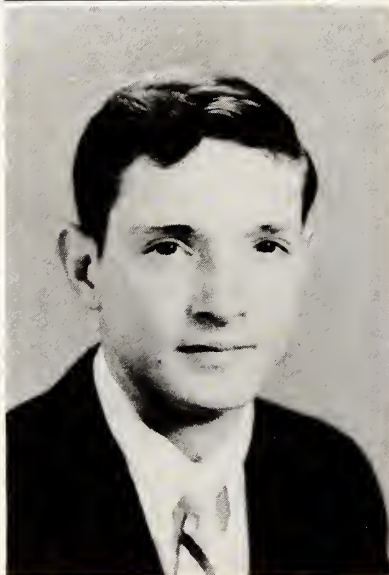


**DALTON BRILEY**

F.B.L.A. 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Cutest.

**CAROLYN COOPER**

Rich Square 1,2,3; 4-H Club 1, President; Paper Staff 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Beta Club 3; F.H.A. 1,2, Parliamentarian 2; Piano 1,2,3. Bethel 4: Beta Club 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Paper Staff 4, Copy Editor; Glee Club 4; Annual Staff 4, Photography Editor; Science Club 4; Cutest.



**SHIRLEY JEAN WHITEHURST**

F.H.A. 1,2,3; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper Staff 4, News Editor; Class Secretary 1,2,4; Marshal 3; Cheerleader 1,2, Chief 3; Annual Staff 4, Circulation Manager; Glee Club 2,3,4; Friendliest.

**J. B. BRILEY**

F.F.A. 1,2,3; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Bus Driver 4; Most Dependable and Most Praiseworthy.

# CLASS HISTORY

A group of fifty-eight youngsters began school in the fall of 1943, and I'm sure that each pupil of the original fifty-eight remembers Miss Sue Johnson, who started the present senior class of 1955 on its journey of knowledge. Miss Mary Ferebee furthered our education when we climbed a step higher to the second grade. Mrs. Rosalie Francis began teaching us in the third grade, but she left school to join her husband, who was in service, and Mrs. A. L. Whitley finished our third grade education. We also were taught by two different teachers in the fourth grade—Mrs. Frances Butterworth and Miss Edmondson. Miss Frances Warren and Mrs. Alva Jackson taught us as we journeyed through the fifth and sixth grades. As a conclusion to our stay at the elementary school, we were taught by Mrs. A. M. McWhorter.

We welcomed thirteen new students from Mayo School as we entered the eighth grade. Mrs. Jane Highsmith was our homeroom teacher that year, and she certainly did prepare us well for the change to high school. We enjoyed a class trip to Raleigh that year. After a year in the high school building, we were ready to become freshmen in high school, and I guess we were all smiles on that May night when we received our diplomas and graduated from grammar school.

"High school at last!" We thought Mr. Dan Nicholson was our homeroom teacher that first year, and we shall never forget that surprise party he gave us when his wife cooked all those specialties—candy apples, mints, and pull candy! In the tenth grade our homeroom teacher was Mrs. Lucille Mayo. We were all thrilled to choose our class rings that year.

When we became juniors we began to use our own judgment more. We all went our separate ways. Most of us had taken two years of home economics and agriculture, subjects which were taught to us by Miss Billie Perry, Mrs. Lucille Mayo, and Mr. Sam Dewar respectively. Now some of us had planned a future which required us to take business courses, and our guidance in this field came from Mrs. Annie Chappell and Mrs. Thadys Dewar. We shall never forget all the teachers who helped us attain our goals in high school. Other than those already named, we wish to mention Mrs. Mary Weeks, Mr. Gene Hart, Mr. Alton Gray, and of course, Mr. W. C. Latham.

Our junior year was really great! Mrs. W. C. Latham, our homeroom teacher, helped us plan and make possible the junior-senior banquet and dance, which everyone looks forward to with hopes and when it's in the past is looked backward to with memories. During our junior year, we joined the seniors on a Washington trip.

We have finally climbed to our senior year, and Miss Janice Albritton, our homeroom teacher, has helped us a great deal on our chief undertaking—the annual.

We shall always remember the ol' school days. "Our youth we can have but today; We may always find time to grow old." The school years do not seem as dear and carefree as they will when we are older for "In youth we learn; in age we understand."

Mary Jo Wynne  
Class Historian

## Class Motto

We build the ladder by which we climb.



# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

State of North Carolina  
County of Pitt  
Township of Bethel

Know ye by these presents that we, the class of '55 of Bethel High School, Bethel, North Carolina, do hereby execute this, our last will and testament.

## Article I

Item 1: To our parents, we leave our great appreciation for the sacrifices they have made during the past twelve years for the sake of our education.

Item 2: To the faculty, we leave our gratefulness for their unselfish guidance throughout our school years.

Item 3: We, the Seniors of '55, leave to the Freshmen our dignity.

Item 4: We, the Seniors, leave to the Sophomores our ability to get along with others and act mannerly.

Item 5: We, the Seniors of '55, leave to the Juniors our Senior privileges and our desire for successful futures.

## Article II

1. I, Marshall Tetterton, leave my ability to drive to school every day to Tom Carsan.
2. I, Mary Anne Manning, leave my quietness to Barbara Watson.
3. I, Becky Keel, leave to Bryan Latham my appetite.
4. I, Mary Jo Wynne, leave Jenny.
5. I, Shirley Anne Hardy, leave my ability to stay slim to Butch Smith.
6. I, Janice Hux, leave my art ability to Sarah Whitehurst.
7. We, Carlton Keel and Dalton Briley, leave our speed on the basketball floor to Durwood White.
8. I, James Gurganus, leave my cowboy outfit to Larry Anderson.
9. I, Bobby Whitehurst, leave my way with women to Babby James.
10. We, Sherwood White and David Weathersby, leave our curly hair to Wilbur Meeks.
11. I, Carolyn Coaper, leave my quiet personality to Peggy Whitehurst.
12. I, James Davenport, leave my driving ability to Charlie Briley.
13. We, Barbara Whichard and Mary Frances Whitehurst, leave our abilities to study to Essie Whitehurst.
14. I, Ann Riddick, leave my boy friends to Barbara Leggett.
15. I, Anna White, leave Jeane Stewart my naturally curly hair.
16. I, J. B. Briley, leave my conduct to Harace Mendenhall.
17. I, Shirley Jean Whitehurst, leave my good grades in the commercial department to Patricia Davenport.
18. I, Patricia Whitehurst, leave to Gladys Bland my typing speed.
19. We, Lawrence Cobb and Billy Staton, leave to Wade Ward our bookkeeping grades.
20. I, Dan Anderson, leave my height to Bob Jack Manning.
21. We, Shirley Wilson and Mary Whitley, leave our way to make friends to Darathy Keel.
22. I, Herbert Briley, leave my superlative, "Most Handsome," to Wade Ward.

Testator: Marshall Tetterton

# CLASS POEM

We build the ladder by which we climb  
    To heights in our careers,  
And tho' our graduation day has come,  
    We face it without doubts or fears.  
At last we've come to this evening  
    With satisfaction in each heart;  
But when we think of the years gone by,  
    We are sad, for soon we must depart.

Now that the long awaited time  
    Is drawing close and nigh,  
We don't want to bid farewell  
    To dear old Bethel High.  
Our memories flash back  
    To our friends so true,  
And to the most wonderful times  
    We ever knew.

To our parents, to our teachers, and  
    To our principal, we want to express  
Our many thanks and appreciation  
    For giving us your best.  
Through fun and laughter, hardship,  
    And sometimes through strife,  
You have guided us and helped us  
    In the most memorable years of our life.

Although we long to linger,  
    The future bids us go.  
And as we are leaving,  
    Our hearts become filled with woe  
For to each of us, the fact dawns  
    Definitely and clear  
That these happy days, these  
    Golden years have been most dear.

All too soon, we, the class of 1955,  
    Will have to depart,  
And each on the career of his choice  
    Must make a start.  
For some the way may be rugged,  
    For others, calm and still  
But, classmates, we can overcome all,  
    If we climb with determination and will.

Class Poets--  
Barbara Whichard  
Janice Hux

Class Flower

Red Rose

Class Colors

Red and White



# CLASS PROPHECY

In the fall of 1965, after being married seven years to a wonderful husband and being gifted with three loving children, I found myself all alone in my sweet little home. Tired from a day's work of house cleaning, I fell to the bed at once. I tried to free my mind of all thoughts, but one thought crept into my mind. I began to wonder where my old classmates of 1955 were and how they were thriving. Drifting into a dream, I saw Lawrence Cobb, now the owner of one of the largest Ford dealerships in the state. Lawrence had Bobby Whitehurst as his associate. Both of these boys have always been Ford lovers.

Mary Jo Wynne has continued the development of her writing talent. Since graduating from College with a major in journalism she has been reporter for an outstanding newspaper in Eastern N. C. Her spare time is devoted to writing what, she hopes, will be a best-seller. One of her recently published newspaper articles concerned James Davenport and Dalton Briley. These boys entered the army shortly after their graduation from high school and have decided to make a career of it. Another former classmate also entered the armed forces. Mary Frances Whitehurst entered service shortly after reaching her 18th birthday. Her work in the commercial department at Bethel High School was not in vain, because she now has an office job for Uncle Sam.

The class of 1955 certainly contributed its share to the Agricultural program of our state. From our ranks came a number of good farmers. Among these are Herbert Briley, Carlton Keel, Jame Gurganus, David Weathersby, and J. B. Briley. Their interest in high school agriculture classes seems to have carried over into their choice of an occupation. Barbara Whichard also was influenced in a like manner by her classes in home ec. and her work with the 4-H Club. She is now a 4-H Club leader who is trying to train young girls to become worthwhile citizens.

Sherwood White, who is now manager of a large colonial store, got his start as a helper in one of the grocery stores in Bethel. Working with Sherwood as a cashier is Anna White. By the way, Sherwood serves as captain of the town basketball team on his nights off. Speaking of basketball, Dan Anderson, the short guard for Bethel in the high school days, is now playing professional basketball. Who knows, he may soon be All Pro!

The senior class of '55 also produced a fashion designer. After two years of home economics and a four-year college course in home economics with emphasis on designing, Shirley Anne Hardy opened her fashion shop. You may even be wearing one of her original designs. Becky Keel, who is the chief model for the Hardy fashions, has done a lot to ensure the success of the business. A regular customer of Shirley Anne's is Mary Anne Manning, who is now one of the best-dressed teachers. Mary Anne, who always loved small children, is now very happily teaching them the three R's.

Business education is quite a big field, and I can see some of my classmates have entered it. Billy Staton has become a success as manager of the "Business Association" in Newport. Lee Knox secured a secretarial position with Billy after

completing a business course. Another classmate in the business field is Shirley Jean Whitehurst, who acts as secretary-receptionist for a resident physician in a big hospital. And, oh yes, Janice Hux and Mary Whitley are registered nurses in the same hospital. They have always had the desire to serve people through their nursing services.

Then, of course, there are those who prefer a home and a family to a career. Ann Riddick and Shirley Wilson fall into this category. Wedding bells rang for them shortly after they received their diplomas. They are now very efficient housekeepers.

A lot of new homes have been built in and around Bethel since 1955, and Marshall Tetterton has had a lot to do about that. He attended State College, but came back to Bethel to help his father in the carpentry business. He got a lot of experience in that kind of work before entering college.

Carolyn Cooper, the "cutest" in our class and also a part time accompanist for the school glee club, can now be seen and heard weekly over many television stations as she exhibits her talents at the piano.

Now my dream has exposed the whereabouts of the 28 seniors of 1955. Each one seems to be prospering in his chosen profession or occupation. I wonder if they ever think back to our Junior-Senior Banquet and the wonderful time we had amid the moonlight and roses.

I would love to have a party and see them all together again. Maybe I will.

Brr--rrr—There goes the alarm clock ending a beautiful dream. Now I must prepare breakfast for my family, but I wonder, could my dream be a reality?

Prophetess: Patricia Whitehurst.

### Class Song

(Adapted by Seniors)

#### "When I Grow Too Old To Dream"

When we grow too old to dream  
We'll have these years to remember.  
Within the walls of Bethel High  
Where joyous hours filled each day.  
We'll each go our way, and so let us part,  
For when we grow too old to dream  
Those days will live in our hearts.  
It's time to say goodbye to friends and teachers dear.  
With the dawn the years are gone  
But those memories still linger on.

When we grow too old to dream  
Our youth we'll have to remember.  
And then we'll pause and count the joys we shared in dear Bethel High  
We'll have our share of joys and disappointments too.  
But when we grow too old to dream  
Those memories we shall renew.  
So hold high your head when we do depart.  
For when we grow too old to dream  
Those years will strengthen our hearts.





1. Best Sports  
Ann Riddick; Dan Anderson
2. Prettiest and Most Handsome  
Shirley Wilson; Herbert Briley
3. Best Dressed  
Mary Anne Manning; Marshall Tetterton
4. Most Studious  
David Weathersby; Barbara Whichard
5. Most Courteous  
Becky Keel; James Davenport
6. Most Talented  
Mary Jo Wynne; Lawrence Cobb
7. Cutest  
Carolyn Cooper; Dalton Briley



8. Most Praiseworthy  
Janice Hux; J. B. Briley

9. Most Popular  
Anna White; Bobby Whitehurst

10. Most Likely to Succeed  
Shirley Anne Hardy; Marshall Tetterton

11. Best Sports  
Patricia Whitehurst; Carlton Keel

12. Friendliest  
Shirley Jean Whitehurst; Billy Staton

13. Most Dependable  
Mary Frances Whitehurst; J. B. Briley





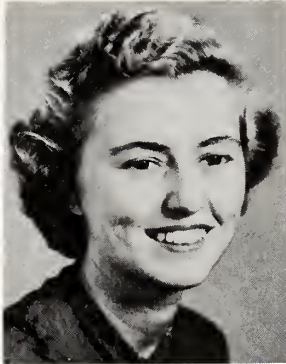
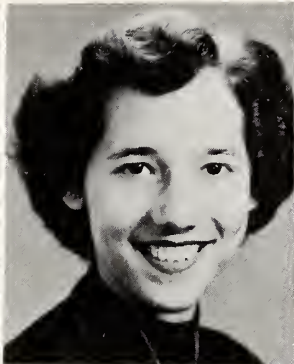
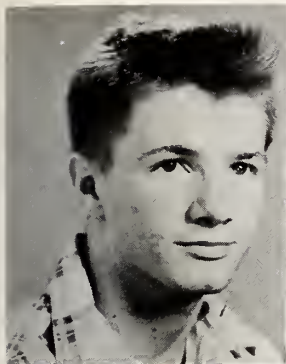


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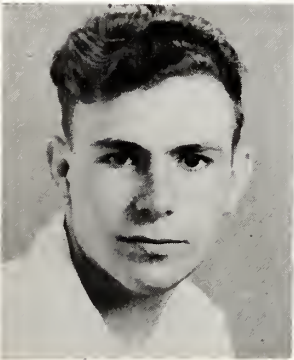
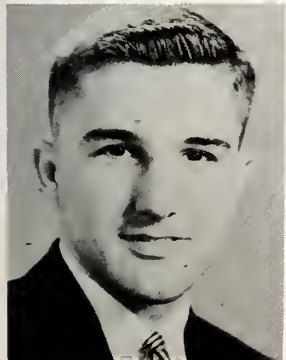




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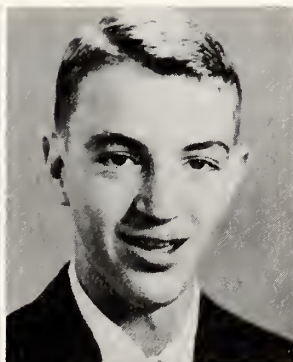
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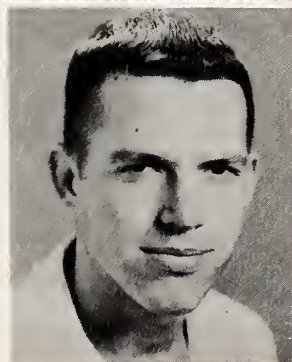
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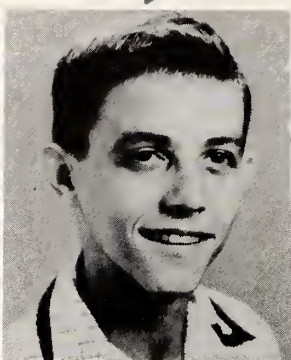
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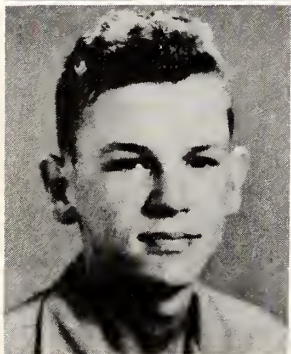
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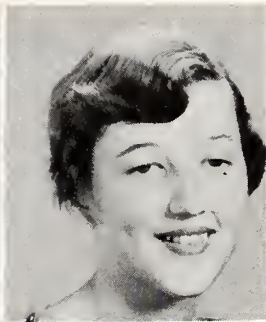
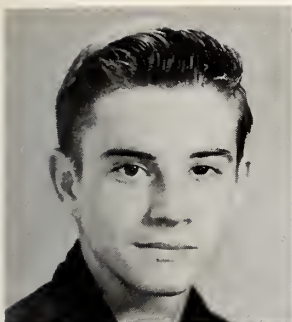


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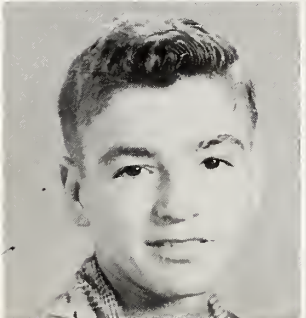
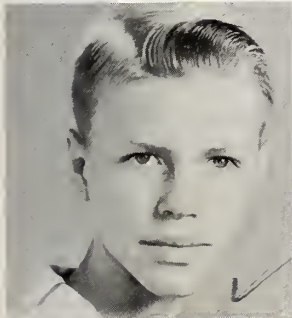




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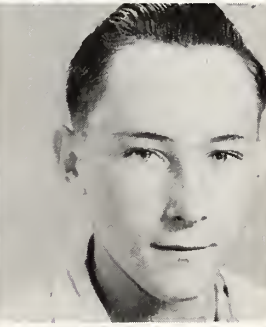
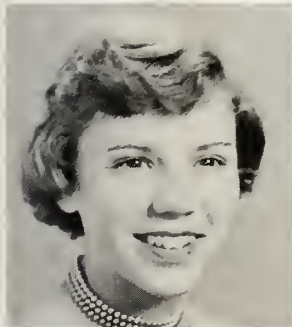
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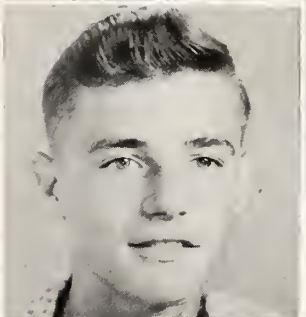
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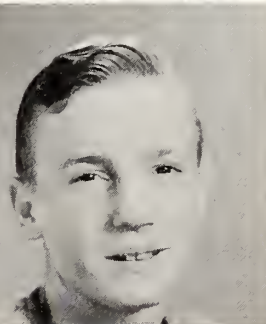
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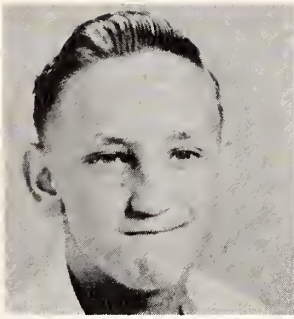
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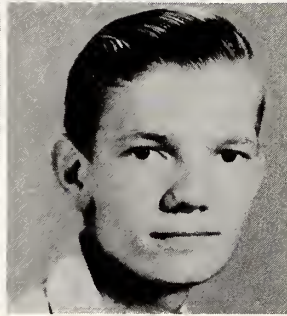
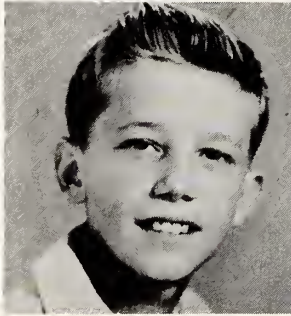
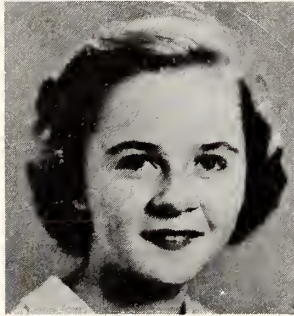
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It's 8:30 in the morning!



We're out!  
3:15 in the afternoon!



Right--  
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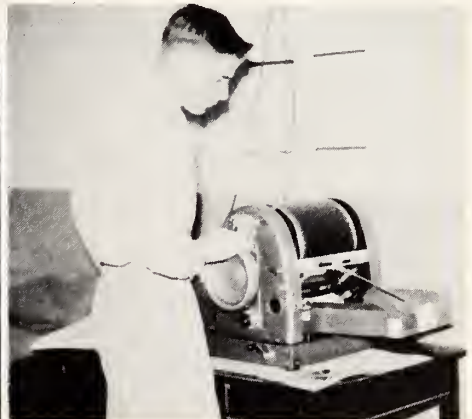
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# GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Left to right: Ann Briley, Carolyn Cooper, Essie Whitehurst, Mary Frances Whitehurst, Ann Riddick, Mary Jo Wynne, Mr. W. C. Berry, Coach; Shirley Anne Hardy, Jennie Whitehurst, Vera Warren, Bobbie Garrenton, Faye Edmondson, Janet Taylor. Kneeling: John Edward Whitehurst, Manager.

The Bethel girls this year have had their work cut out for them: as defending champions, they have tried to live up to the reputation established by last years' team. So far this year they have an enviable record of 17 wins and 5 losses. They have beaten every team in Pitt County except Farmville which seems to have a jinx on them. Several girls are playing their last year for Bethel. Those who will be greatly missed and not easily replaced are: Mary Jo, Ann Riddick, Mary Frances, Shirley Anne and Anna. Mary Jo's remarkable play has earned her a lasting stay in the minds of all who have watched her. She is the kind of player every coach dreams of having but seldom finds. The strong defensive work of Ann Riddick will be sorely missed next year. Ann has led a strong defense that has accounted for many of our wins. It is going to be hard to replace a fine player like Ann. Mary Frances has continued this year to fill in at any position needed and has played them all well. She has scored when we needed points and has played guard when our defense was shaky. It will be a difficult task replacing a versatile player like Mary Frances. Shirley Anne has really developed into a genuine scoring threat this year. As our pivot player in the center she has become a "20 point" player in a number of games. Anna, while not playing all this year, has brought the strength we needed to our defense. Jenny, although not a senior has played very advanced basketball all this year. Her fine rebounding has helped the team greatly. Several of the newer girls have helped us because our degree of success this year has been due to the effort of all the team. Janet Taylor, a first year forward, shows many indications of becoming a real scoring threat. Her accuracy from the free throw line has been most helpful this year. The others--Ann Briley, Essie Whitehurst, Vera Warren and Aldine White--have done the things expected of them. They have practiced faithfully and have given their best when it was needed. Many new faces will have to come out for practice next year if the Bethel girls' team is to remain the threat it has been in recent years.



# BOYS' BASKETBALL



Kneeling, left to right: Bob Jack Manning, Ramon Latham, Dalton Briley, Willard White, Carlton Keel, Bryan Latham, Sherwood White, Charles Ward, Vance Taylor, Danny Martin, Dan Anderson, Durwood White. Standing: John Edward Whitehurst, Manager; Mr. Sam Dewar, Assistant Coach; Mr. Walter Latham, Coach; Wade Ward, Score Keeper.

You cannot lose four of your starting five, such as Michael House, Bill Latham, B. B. Tetterton, and Larry Tetterton, and not miss them when the next season rolls around. We found ourselves short on height when we began practice in October, 1954. It was true that we had plenty of boys presumably anxious to play but all were up from the Junior Varsity with the exception of Bryan Latham, Carlton Keel, Dan Anderson, Sherwood White, and Marshall Tetterton. Bryan and Carlton had alternated at forward the season before. Sherwood, Marshall, and Dan had seen some action as substitutes. New men up from the Jay-vees were: Durwood White, Ramon Latham, Danny Martin, Vance Taylor, Willard White, Charles Ward, and Dalton "Bebo" Briley. "Bob Jack" Manning moved to Bethel from Wilmington and has proved to be the first boy in the history of the school to come to Bethel and make the Varsity.

After practicing one month three times each week, we opened in Grimesland on Nov. 12. We lost 55 to 44. Since that time we have won 15 while losing 4, giving us a 15-5 record to date (2-3-55). No team has beaten us twice and the boys are steadily improving. The guards--Dan Anderson, Bob Jack Manning, Bebo Briley, and Durwood White--have been playing a good floor game. Dan is especially good on the long sets, Bob Jack on "drives" and Bryan Latham has an average of 11.5 points per game and is the best rebounder we have. Vance Taylor has an average of 11.8 points for limited service in 17 games. Carlton is a dependable performer. He likes to play ball and hustles. Our centers--Sherwood and Charles--have been doing well considering their limited experience.

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*Jenny*



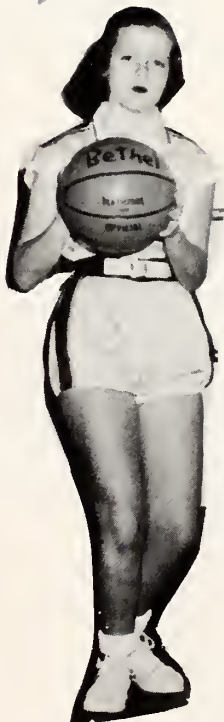
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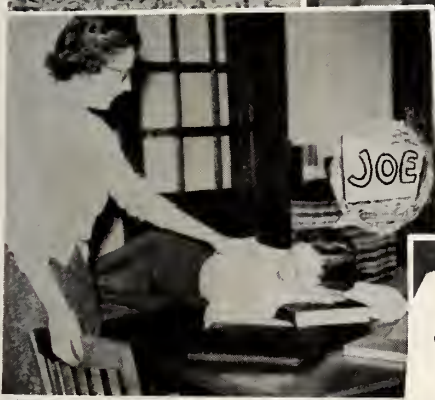
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| 2. Make yourself comfortable      | 11. Miss America of 1980??       |
| 3. Young and tender               | 12. My Hero                      |
| 4. Barefoot contessa????          | 13. Southern belle in Washington |
| 5. A hard looking bunch...        | 14. Pepsi???                     |
| 6. My baby don't love me no more. | 15. It takes two to tango.       |
| 7. I do!!                         | 16. Two of a kind!!              |
| 8. Displaying their charms.       | 17. The Gang!                    |
| 9. Squaring a circle.             | 18. Upsy Daisy                   |





1. You name it; we can't.
2. Living it up!
3. All-Americans in the making.
4. The gay nineties.
5. We wanna go on a loving spree.
6. Young Hardy
7. Stepping out?
8. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
9. I have no impulse.
10. Hardy and company
11. Bunny ride
12. Not to the top, but climbing.
13. Rosie and the last roundup.
14. Basketball star
15. Lover
16. My face is my misfortune.
17. Hometown beauty
18. You be the judge!
19. Halloween royalty
20. Star player
21. Senior wheels
22. Her majesty!

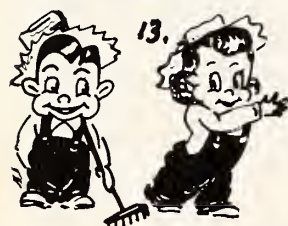




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2. David
3. Mary Jo
4. Took up that space anyway!
5. Becky

Mary Jo

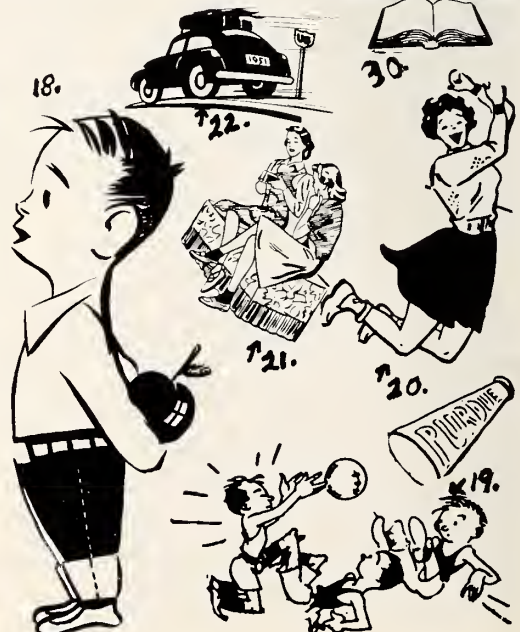




1. Carolyn C.!!
2. "Tom's Taxi"
3. Mr. Berry and Mr. Latham
4. Tommy C.!!
5. Mary Frances
6. "Go to ..."
7. Marshall-- favorite dreams
8. Miss Wright
9. "Prettiest and Most Handsome"
10. Becky
11. Ramon
12. Sherwood
13. Ann and Clayton
14. Sonny and Shirley J.



15. Worm or Butterbean?
16. Jumpalong James (Dick)
17. "Straight from the horses mouth"
18. "Brown-noser"
19. "Bebo"
20. "Tootie-fruitie Punch and Judy"
21. Jenny and Jo, "Knitting"?
22. After 2:30 bell!!
23. "Wade Thurman"
24. "Ye Olde Rede Schoolhouse"
25. "Shim, Sham, Shimmy"
26. Pearl



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